



EI-news

IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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Limerick Radio Club Rally



Note Revised Date! The Limerick Radio Club Annual Radio, Hobbies and Electronics Rally will be held on Sunday 29th March in the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick, with doors

opening at 11:00 am. All of the usual traders will be present and the Bring and Buy tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For further information and booking of tables, contact Ger EI4GXB at 087 2532512 ei4gxb@gmail.com or Simon Kenny kenmare32@eircom.net

From 2 pm to 5 pm, on Saturday 25th April, workshop talks will be held in the "City Suite" of Hotel Kilkenny. The following speakers will be in attendance: Paul O'Kane, EI5DI, – "Getting Started with Contesting", Dave Deane, EI9FBB, – "Dxpeditioning on the Edge", Don Field, G3XTT, – "Spark to Space", Greg Mossup, G0DUB, – "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications – why me?"

SDR – With or Without PC



The ultimate Software Defined Radio has been released by Elad Communications via Martin Lynch and Sons in the UK. The FDM-Duo offers coverage in the Frequency range of 10 KHz to 54MHz with an output power of 5 watts on all bands. The transceiver can be operated without a PC using controls and a display on the front panel. Operation of data-modes is possible via the internal sound card that shows up as standard audio device on the PC. This is definitely the major innovation that all FT817 users have been waiting for. The FDM-Duo retails at £900.00 with free international shipping. See www.HamRadio.co.uk/fdmduo for more info.

ARE YOU GOING TO KILKENNY?

**IRTS 83rd Annual Dinner & AGM
& SEARG Radio Rally 2015**

Hotel Kilkenny, College Rd, Kilkenny

Saturday & Sunday The 25th & 26th Of April 2015

Saturday 25th

From 2pm To 5pm: Guest speakers will give talks on radio related topics

7:00pm: IRTS Annual dinner, music afterwards, admission by ticket only, tickets are now available!

Sunday 26th

From 11am To 2pm: SEARG Radio Rally & Electronics Fair 2015

All usual traders will be in attendance & some new traders as well

2pm: IRTS 2015 AGM- All paid up IRTS members welcome to attend



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SEAN EI2HZB
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IRTS Dinner and AGM



Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner, to be held on Saturday 25th April, at 7pm, are now available from John Ronan EI7IG, via email on irtsagm@searg.com



Win the latest RSGB Handbook!

Donated by Galway VHF Group

The characteristic impedance of RG58A cable is about (a)50 (b)75 (c)93 ohms?

Send callsign/EI number and your name with the answer to the question to ei4news@irts.ie, subject "Competition" by 2359UTC on Tuesday 17 March 2015
Prize will be presented at IRTS AGM Dinner in Kilkenny on Saturday 25 April 2015

Entries open to IRTS members on EI4News distribution list at 28 February 2015

Propagation Experiment

The RSGB Propagation Studies Committee is keen to encourage Radio Amateurs to take part in an experiment during the partial solar eclipse taking place on Friday the 20th of March. Depending on location, the UK will experience up to 89% totality. The eclipse will be evident in the midlands of the UK at about 08:25 UTC and ending at 10:41 UTC. More information about this experiment from www.g0kya.blogspot.com or <http://forums.thersgb.org>

AREN Meeting

AREN is planning to hold a meeting early in April at the Dromineer venue. Anyone interested in attending should contact either John Ronan EI7IG or Conor O'Neill EI4JN if they are interested in finding out more.

SDR Net - On the Move

The South Dublin Radio Club Net (SDR Net), which has been operating, for over 2 years, on 40 meters on a Sunday morning following the IRTS 40 Meter News, is on the move. It will now be on 7.123MHz +/- QRM and will run from 10 am to 11 am **prior** to the IRTS 40 Meter news. All EIs are welcome to call-in and it is hoped that by having a fixed time this change will afford other EIs, especially those that may be waiting for the IRTS News, an opportunity to join in and help expand both the coverage and participation in the SDR Net.

Members Advertisements

For Sale

Tarheel 300A Mobile Screwdriver Antenna 200W PEP
160m - 6m with 5' whip included. Heavy duty Breedlove
solid brass ballmount for the antenna.

€380, €340 without the ballmount

3x Philips PRM80 2m ex. PMR Programmed with packet &
APRS freqs. Ideal for a digi. €20 each

Philips FM1000 4m with PA4DEN software €55

Contact Gerry EI8DRB - 087 7996336

Or gerryk@gmail.com

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Cushcraft A3S. Partly dis-assembled for easy re-assembly.
Perfect condition as it has been stored in attic for a few
years due to Planning Permission problems. Used for only
two years prior to Planning Permission issue. €450.

Contact Jim (EI4HH) at 086 4071185 or QTHR

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Watson 25AM PSU mint boxed €110

Yaesu FT-2800M 2m mobile DTMF mic mint boxed €125

Switched mode PSU for above €55

UBC800XLT scanner + programming cable boxed €225

Contact Conor EI4JN 087 7993085

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For Sale : MFJ-1788 Magnetic Loop antenna. Complete
with power supply, mounting bracket & manual. P.W.O.
Can deliver Dublin city & county €150 o.n.o.

Chris EI8GFB daviesthegas@gmail.com 086 823 9929

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Wanted

Dummy load required to set up valve PA. Would like it to
be capable of 150 watts, but will consider less.

Contact dave.ei8kg@gmail.com 01 2828418

Contests

Contests - March 2015

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

07 0000z, 48 hours – [ARRL DX](#), SSB: work W/VE only, send Power, log State/Province

11 2000z, 90 mins – [RSGB 80m CC](#), CW: exchange Serials, work UK only

14 1800z, 14 hours – [Tesla Memorial 80m](#), CW: exchange Serials + Locators, work everyone

19 2000z, 90 mins – [RSGB 80m CC](#), SSB: exchange Serials, work UK only

21 1200z, 24 hours – [Russian DX](#), CW/SSB: 160-10m: exchange Serials, work everyone.

22 0700z, 04 hours – [UBA Spring 80m](#), SSB: work ON only: send Serial, log ON Section.

25 2000z, 60 mins – [UKEICC 80m](#) : SSB: exchange Locators, e.g. IO63 : work everyone.

28 0000z, 18 hours – [CQ WPX](#): SSB: 160-10m: exchange Serials: work everyone.

Every Wednesday – [CWops Mini Contests](#): CW: three separate 60-minute contests

[SD by EI5DI](#) – free logging software for CW/SSB contests from ei5di.com